

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 45

The Fire Department has indicated that, to address a structural deficit in its budget, it must raise additional revenue by increasing the special parcel tax levy. However, this additional revenue will not fully resolve the deficit or address the Department's long term financing needs.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Auditor-Controller (A-C), with assistance from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), conduct a review of the Fire Department's financial position, as of the close of the 2011-12 Fiscal Year. This review should include the following:

- 1) Validate the Department's reported sources and amounts of revenue, major categories of expenditures, and performance relative to budget; and
- 2) The A-C should work with the CEO and Fire department management to estimate projected changes in revenue, and significant future expenditures, that will materially impact the Fire Department's financial condition and report back within 90 days; and

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- 3) The fiscal audit should also determine if the amount charged to residents in contract cities is equivalent with the services and charges made to residents in unincorporated areas within the Fire District.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the CEO work with the Fire Department to prepare longer term (5-year) estimates of revenue and major expenditures (personnel, capital, etc.), to provide the Board clarity regarding the Department's future challenges, beyond the current County budgeting cycle.

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